

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 East 12th Street, Suite 235
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

August 24, 2010

Charles J. Krogmeier, Director
Department of Human Services
Hoover State Office Building
1305 East Walnut, 5th Floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0119

Dear Mr. Krogmeier:

On December 23, 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #09-021, which proposes to implement reduction in fee schedule payments to providers, per across the board budget cuts made by the Governor.

This SPA is approved as of August 23, 2010, with an effective date of December 1, 2009 as requested by the State. However, during the review of SPA 09-021, CMS performed an analysis of the coverage and reimbursement provisions that correspond to the reimbursement pages. This analysis revealed issues that will require additional information and/or possible revision through a corrective action plan. Under separate cover, CMS will release a letter detailing those issues, and providing guidance on timeframes for correction.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Iowa State plan.

I appreciate the significant amount of work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved and the cooperative way in which we achieved this much-desired outcome. If you have any questions concerning this SPA please contact Narinder Singh or Sharon Taggart at (816) 426-5925 or Narinder.Singh@cms.hhs.gov via email.

Sincerely,

/s/

James G. Scott
Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Vermeer